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AUTOPSY NO. NDME 20-008  
DATE/DAY 02/10/2020  
TIME 0850

REPORT OF AUTOPSY

DECEDENT Prudente, John

AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY: Josh Seil - Coroner, Morton County

BODY IDENTIFIED BY: Metropolitan Ambulance on 02/08/2020 at 2044

PERSONS PRESENT AT AUTOPSY: Dr. Massello, J. Harsche, F.L. Geiger, C. Saylor, A. Droske - ND BCI

Rigor: complete      Livor Color: maroon/lavender      Distribution: posterior  
 Age: 36      Race: white      Sex: male      Length: 69"      Weight: 199lbs      Eyes: brown      Pupils: Right 4mm Left 4mm  
 Hair: dark brown      Moustache: yes      Beard: full      Body heat: refrigerated

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES:

1. History of schizophrenia and recent physical altercation.
2. Superficial abrasions, lower extremities and forehead.
3. Confusions, bilateral, tongue and pharynx, in association with endotracheal tube placement.
4. Granuloma, right lung.
5. No lethal injuries.
6. Postmortem toxicology: methamphetamine and metabolite (toxic concentration); quetiapine – therapeutic concentration; cannabinoids – present.

POSTMORTEM SUMMARY:

This 36 year old white male had a reported history of schizophrenia. He was the driver of a motor vehicle that had been routinely stopped by law enforcement officials. He then became physically agitated and combative, and required physical restraint, during which time an electrical conductivity device was deployed. Either during restraint or shortly thereafter, he became unresponsive. An automatic external defibrillator device was applied but recommended no electrical shock. He was declared dead at a local medical treatment facility. His full postmortem examination revealed findings consistent with death resulting from alcohol poisoning, drug poisoning and/or excited delirium. This was confirmed by postmortem toxicology studies that demonstrated a toxic level of the stimulant drug methamphetamine, along with an antipsychotic prescription drug and cannabinoids. No lethal injuries or other abnormalities of the internal organs were noted that would have caused or contributed to his death.

CAUSE OF DEATH: EXCITED DELIRIUM DUE TO METHAMPHETAMINE POISONING AND SCHIZOPHRENIA  
 Contributory cause: physical exertion

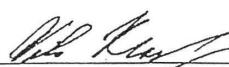
Provisional Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Report: X

The facts stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

3/18/2020  
Date Signed

ND State Forensic Examiners Office  
Place of Autopsy

  
 Signature of Pathologist  
 William Massello III, M.D.  
 Acting State Forensic Examiner

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## GROSS DESCRIPTION

## EXTERNAL FINDINGS:

CLOTHING: Partially clothed; black stretchable Fruit of the Loom underwear.  
 PERSONAL EFFECTS: None  
 EVIDENCE OF THERAPY: Recent venipuncture mark, dorsum of right hand; intravenous catheters, right wrist, right antecubital fossae, dorsum of left hand; endotracheal tube; resuscitation abrasion, center of chest.  
 IDENTIFYING FEATURES: None prominent.  
 GENERAL APPEARANCE: Young male; moderately obese, heavy set body habitus; dried blood present on lower extremities; body generally clean and dry without debris.  
 SKIN: Swarthy complexion; scattered nevi present; healing acneiform lesions, widely distributed, anterior preclavicular region; no rashes.  
 EXTREMITIES: Superficial abrasions present on lower extremities (see below); very short, unbroken, slightly dirty fingernails; green residue present on palmar surface of left hand; no scars or needle tracks identified; postmortem bruises noted in axillary region on left side.  
 TRUNK: Protuberant, tympanic abdomen; abundant chest and abdominal hair; polyhedral, brown resuscitation abrasion present on front of chest.  
 HEAD, FACE, NECK: No neck ligature imprints; congested sclerae and conjunctivae without petechial or ecchymotic hemorrhages; cloudy corneas; arcus senilis present bilaterally; nasal septum intact; extensive decay, anterior teeth; no intraoral mucosal confusions or abrasions identified.  
 EXTERNAL GENITALIA: Circumcised; testis palpable in scrotum; fecal plegget present in anal canal; normal perianal skin and mucosa.

## EXTERNAL INJURIES (diagrammed):

- Superficial scratches, faint, forehead.
- Black dirt covering and within area of superficial abrasions, left prepatellar region .
- Superficial abrasions right prepatellar region.
- Scratch, left eyelid, 2 cm long.

CRANIAL FINDINGS: Supragaleal, 1cm diametered left frontal scalp hemorrhage present. Skull of normal thickness without fractures. Brain: weight 1450. Congested. No subdural or epidural hemorrhages. No parenchymal lesions, especially no injuries.

## INTERNAL FINDINGS:

GENERAL: No cavity blood or effusions. Blood is fluid and flows in abundance from cut surfaces of large veins.  
 AXIAL SKELETON: No recent fractures.  
 ORONASAL CAVITY, NECK STRUCTURES: Bilateral submucosal and intramuscular contusions noted of anterior tongue. Posterior tongue without congestion. Submucosal, blotchy hemorrhages present in posterior pharynx. Blood tinged mucoid fluid present in larynx and trachea. Airway patent. Thyroid gland smaller than average with congestion; normal architecture. No injuries to larynx, strap muscles or sternomastoid muscles present. Small amount of hemorrhage noted around right greater cornu of hyoid bone.  
 AORTA AND GREAT VESSELS: Elastic with smooth intima. No lesions.  
 ESOPHAGUS: Congested. Proximal esophagus demonstrates submucosal hemorrhages. Normal mucosa.  
 STOMACH: Large in size. Contains an estimated 1 liter of thick yellow chyme representing partially digested material within which can be identified fragments of French fries. Congested mucosa with slightly effaced gastric rugae. No lesions.  
 INTESTINES: Appendix present. Large bowel empty of feces. Moderately abundant mesenteric, omental and retroperitoneal fat. No lesions.  
 HEART: Weight 440 grams. Normal myocardium and valves.  
 CORONARY ARTERIES: Thin walled, widely patent, without anomalies.  
 LUNGS: Right 600 grams, left 490 grams. Right lower lobe demonstrates intraparenchymal, 1 cm diametered yellow, firm, granuloma. Lung parenchyma congested with mild amount of edema froth on cut surface. No injuries or pulmonary emboli.  
 DIAPHRAGM: No lesions.  
 PERICARDIUM: Intact with glistening mesothelium.  
 LIVER: Weight 2300 grams. Intact capsule with congested parenchyma.  
 GALLBLADDER: Small. Bile present in lumen. No calculi.  
 ADRENALS: Normal architecture bilaterally.  
 PANCREAS: infiltrated by fat. Normal parenchyma.  
 SPLEEN: Weight 120 grams. Intact capsule. Normal architecture on cut surface.  
 KIDNEYS: Right 160 grams, left 170 grams. Surface is smooth. Normal architecture with congestion on cut surfaces. Ureters not dilated.  
 URINARY BLADDER: Partially full. Table side urine drug screen reveals positivity for methamphetamine, amphetamine, tricyclic antidepressants and THC. Normal mucosa.  
 PROSTATE: Small, normal architecture and consistency.  
 LYMPH NODES: Normal size and consistency.

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MICROSCOPICS:

HEART: no lesions; mild autolysis normal SA and AV nodes.  
CORONARY ARTERY: concentric and eccentric intimal lipid deposition with greater than 75 percent luminal occlusion with cholesterol clefts.  
BRAIN: hippocampal formation, brainstem and cerebellum demonstrate no lesions.  
LUNG: congested; marked autolysis; bacterial colonies are present; rare interstitial polarizable crystals; caseating granuloma identified.  
LIVER: widespread midzonal fatty metamorphosis.  
SPLEEN: autolysis; no lesions.  
KIDNEY: autolysis; no polarizable crystals.  
TONGUE: recent hemorrhage without inflammatory response or organization.  
BONE MARROW: normocellular; no lesions.  
SKELETAL MUSCLE: autolysis; no lesions.  
ADRENAL GLAND: no lesions.  
THYROID GLAND: autolysis; no lesions.  
PANCREAS: moderate autolysis; no lesions.  
LYMPH NODE: normal architecture; autolysis; no lesions.  
PERICARDIUM: no lesions.  
SKELETAL MUSCLE: no lesions.

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OTHER PROCEDURES: TOX  PHOTO  DNA  MICROSCOPICS  X

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TOXICOLOGY ALCOHOL/VOLATILES ANALYTICAL REPORT

**Case Number:** CLD20-00631  
**Subject:** John Prudente  
**Report Date:** February 14, 2020  
**Report To:** Dr. William Massello III  
**Submitting Agency:** ND State Forensic Examiner's Office  
2637 East Main Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58506  
**Agency Case Number:** NDME 20-008  
**Submitted Date/Time:** February 10, 2020 14:18  
**Delivery Method:** Hand to Hand via Jessica Harsche  
**Collection Kit:**  
Item 1  
Sealed Container - Yes  
Labeled Tube or Container - Yes  
  
Item 2  
Sealed Container - Yes  
Labeled Tube or Container - Yes  
  
Item 3  
Sealed Container - Yes  
Labeled Tube or Container - Yes

**Item(s) Submitted:**

Item 1: One sealed grey stoppered tube containing 8 mL of blood  
Item 2: One sealed green stoppered tube containing 7 mL of blood  
Item 3: One sealed container with yellow screw top containing 60 mL of urine

**Summary of Analysis:** (Testing started on February 13, 2020 and ended on February 14, 2020)

Item	Test	Results	Method	Instrument
Item 1	Alcohol/Volatile Analysis	Ethanol 0.000 g/100mL	TxS-020 Approved Method to Conduct Blood Alcohol Analysis (Rev. 0.6)	PE Clarus 500 GC SN: 580S14050502
Item 2	Alcohol/Volatile Analysis	Alcohol/Volatile Analysis was not completed on this item		
Item 3	Alcohol/Volatile Analysis	Alcohol/Volatile Analysis was not completed on this item		

**Notes:**

Toxicology Carboxyhemoglobin and Drug results will be issued in a separate laboratory report.

**Disposition:**

All items: Samples will be returned to your office at our earliest convenience.

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Sincerely,

Crime Laboratory Division

Kali L. Hieb  
Forensic Scientist

Analysis Performed:  
Alcohol/Volatile Analyst



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TOXICOLOGY CARBOXYHEMOGLOBIN ANALYTICAL REPORT

**Case Number:** CLD20-00631  
**Subject:** John Prudente  
**Report Date:** February 12, 2020  
**Report To:** Dr. William Massello III  
**Submitting Agency:** ND State Forensic Examiner's Office  
2637 East Main Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58506  
**Agency Case Number:** NDME 20-008  
**Submitted Date/Time:** February 10, 2020 14:18  
**Delivery Method:** Hand to Hand via Jessica Harsche  
**Collection Kit:**  
Item 1  
Sealed Container - Yes  
Labeled Tube or Container - Yes  
  
Item 2  
Sealed Container - Yes  
Labeled Tube or Container - Yes  
  
Item 3  
Sealed Container - Yes  
Labeled Tube or Container - Yes

**Item(s) Submitted:**

Item 1: One sealed grey stoppered tube containing 8 mL of blood  
Item 2: One sealed green stoppered tube containing 7 mL of blood  
Item 3: One sealed container with yellow screw top containing 60 mL of urine

**Summary of Analysis:** (Testing started on February 11, 2020 and ended on February 11, 2020)

Item	Test	Results	Method	Instrument
Item 1	Carboxyhemoglobin	Carboxyhemoglobin analysis was not completed on this item		
Item 2	Carboxyhemoglobin	Less than 10%	TxS-019 AVOXimeter® 4000 Carboxyhemoglobin Analysis (Rev. 0.5)	AVOXimeter® 4000 SN 41841
Item 3	Carboxyhemoglobin	Carboxyhemoglobin analysis was not completed on this item		

**Notes:**

Toxicology Alcohol/Volatile and Drug results will be issued in a separate laboratory report.

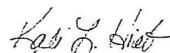
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Forensic Scientist

Analysis Performed:  
Carboxyhemoglobin Analyst



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#### TOXICOLOGY DRUG ANALYTICAL REPORT

**Case Number:** CLD20-00631  
**Subject:** John Prudente  
**Report Date:** March 4, 2020  
**Report To:** Dr. William Massello III  
**Submitting Agency:** ND State Forensic Examiner's Office  
2637 East Main Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5520  
**Agency Case Number:** NDME 20-008  
**Submitted Date/Time:** February 10, 2020 14:18  
**Delivery Method:** Hand to Hand via Jessica Harsche  
**Collection Kit:**  
 Item 1  
 Sealed Container - Yes  
 Labeled Tube or Container - Yes  
 Item 2  
 Sealed Container - Yes  
 Labeled Tube or Container - Yes  
 Item 3  
 Sealed Container - Yes  
 Labeled Tube or Container - Yes

**Item(s) Submitted:**

Item 1: One sealed grey stoppered tube containing 8 mL of blood  
 Item 2: One sealed green stoppered tube containing 7 mL of blood  
 Item 3: One sealed container with yellow screw top containing 60 mL of urine

**Summary of Analysis:** (Testing started on February 14, 2020 and ended on March 4, 2020)

Item	Test	Results	Method	Instrument
Item 1	Drug Analysis	Drug Analysis was not completed on this item		
Item 2	Drug Analysis	Drug Analysis was not completed on this item		

Item 3	Salicylate Screen/Trinder's	Negative	TxS-007 Salicylate Screening (Rev. 0.4)	Qualitative Test. No instrument was used.
Item 3	Cannabinoid Screen/Alere iCassette® THC Test Device	Positive	TxS-011 Cannabinoid Screening in Urine (Rev. 0.7)	Qualitative Test. No instrument was used.
Item 3	Cannabinoid Confirmation/GC-MS	Positive	TxS-012 THCA Confirmation in Urine (Rev. 0.7)	Agilent GC/MS 5977A S/N: US1519M412
Item 3	Urine Drug Screen	Amphetamine	TxS-018 SPE of Acidic, Neutral, Basic Drugs from Urine (Rev. 0.4); TxS-026 De-Tox Tube Analysis (Rev. 0.0)	AB 3200 QTrap LC/MS/MS S/N: AF20880902 PerkinElmer GC/MS Clarus 600 S/N: 664N7060102
Item 3	Urine Drug Screen	Methamphetamine	TxS-018 SPE of Acidic, Neutral, Basic Drugs from Urine (Rev. 0.4); TxS-026 De-Tox Tube Analysis (Rev. 0.0)	AB 3200 QTrap LC/MS/MS S/N: AF20880902 PerkinElmer GC/MS Clarus 600 S/N: 664N7060102
Item 3	Urine Drug Screen	Quetiapine	TxS-018 SPE of Acidic, Neutral, Basic Drugs from Urine (Rev. 0.4); TxS-026 De-Tox Tube Analysis (Rev. 0.0)	AB 3200 QTrap LC/MS/MS S/N: AF20880902 PerkinElmer GC/MS Clarus 600 S/N: 664N7060102

**Notes:**

Toxicology Alcohol/Volatile and Carboxyhemoglobin results will be issued in a separate laboratory report. Please see table below for analytes detected by the blood and urine drug screen methods.

**Disposition:**

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## Blood and Urine Drug Screen Analytes:

## Compound Name

3,4-MDA	3,4-MDEA	3,4-MDMA
6-O-Acetylmorphine	7-Aminoclonazepam	7-Aminoflunitrazepam
Acetaminophen	alpha-Hydroxymeprazolam	Alprazolam
Amitriptyline	Amobarbital	Amphetamine
Atropine	Benzoylcgonine	Brompheniramine
Buprenorphine	Bupropion	Butalbital
Carbamazepine	Carisoprodol	Chlordiazepoxide
Chlorpheniramine	Chlorpromazine	Citalopram/Escitalopram
Clomipramine	Clonazepam	Clozapine
Cocaethylene	Cocaine	Codeine
Cyclobenzaprine	Desalkylflurazepam	Desipramine
Dextromethorphan	Diazepam	Dihydrocodeine
Dilfazem	Diphenhydramine/Dimenhydrinate	Doxepin
Doxylamine	Duloxetline	Ecgone Methyl Ester
EDDP	Ephedrine/Pseudoephedrine	Fentanyl
Flunitrazepam	Fluoxetine	Flurazepam
Gemfibrozil	Guaiifenesin	Heroin
Hydrocodone	Hydromorphone	Hydroxy Bupropion
Ibuprofen	Imipramine	Ketamine
Lamotrigine	Lidocaine	Lorazepam
Maprotiline	Meperidine	Meprobamate
Methadone	Methamphetamine	Methaqualone
Methylphenidate	Metoprolol	Midazolam
Mirtazapine	Morphine	Naproxen
Nitrazepam	Norcocaine	Nordiazepam
Norfentanyl	Norketamine	Normeperidine
Norpropoxyphene	Nortriptyline	O-Desmethylvenlafaxine
Olanzapine	Orphenadrine	Oxazepam
Oxycodone	Oxymorphone	Paroxetine
PCP (Phencyclidine)	Penetobarbital	Phenobarbital
Phentermine	Phenylpropanolamine (PPA)	Phenytoin
Prazepam	Promethazine	Propoxyphene
Propranolol	Protriptyline	Quetiapine
Risperidone	Salicylic Acid	Secobarbital
Sertraline	Temazepam	Thiopental
Topiramate	Tramadol	Trazodone
Triazolam	Trimipramine	Venlafaxine
Verapamil	Zaleplon	Zolpidem
Zopiclone		

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Jeremiah N. Smith  
Forensic Scientist

Analysis Performed:

Salicylate Screen/Trinder's Analyst  
Cannabinoid Screen/Alere iCassette® THC  
Test Device  
Cannabinoid Confirmation/GC-MS Analyst  
Urine Drug Screen Analyst

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Testing Report  
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Laboratory Case Number:	3188166	Subject's Name:	PRUDENTE, JOHN
Client Account:	20858 / NDFE001	Agency Case #:	NDME20-008
Report To:	North Dakota Forensic Examiner ATTN: Medical Examiner 2637 East Main Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501 FX: 701-328-6228	Date of Death:	02/08/2020
		Test Reason:	Other
		Investigator:	J. HARSCH
		Date Received:	02/19/2020
		Date Reported:	03/04/2020
Laboratory Specimen No:	40841639	Date Collected:	02/10/2020 08:50
Container(s):	01:GRT Blood,JUGULAR	Test(s):	70510 Comprehensive Drug Panel, Blood

Analyte Name	Qualitative Result	Quantitative Result	Reporting Limit	Reference Range	Units	Note
VOLATILES	Negative					
Methanol	Negative			Not Established		
Ethanol	Negative			Not Established		
Acetone	Negative			Not Established		
Isopropanol	Negative			Not Established		
AMPHETAMINES	POSITIVE					
Amphetamine	POSITIVE	143	50	10 - 100	ng/mL	
Methamphetamine	POSITIVE	581	50		ng/mL	
ANALGESICS	Negative					
ANESTHETICS	Negative					
ANTICHOLINERGICS	Negative					
ANTICONVULSANTS	Negative					
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	Negative					
ANTIDIABETICS	Negative					
ANTIFUNGALS	Negative					
ANTIHISTAMINES	Negative					
ANTIPSYCHOTICS	POSITIVE					
Quetiapine	POSITIVE	214	50	100 - 1000	ng/mL	
BARBITURATES	Negative					
BENZODIAZEPINES	Negative					
CANNABINOID	POSITIVE					
THC	POSITIVE	10.5	1		ng/mL	

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Analyte Name	Qualitative Result	Quantitative Result	Reporting Limit	Reference Range	Units	Note
THC-COOH	POSITIVE	48.5	3		ng/mL	
CARDIOVASCULARS	Negative					
GASTROINTESTINALS	Negative					
HALLUCINOGENS	Negative					
MISCELLANEOUS	Negative					
MUSCLE RELAXANTS	Negative					
OPIOID ANALGESICS	POSITIVE					
Naloxone	POSITIVE					
Analyte is qualitatively POSITIVE, but has not been confirmed by an alternate analytical method.						
SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS	Negative					
STIMULANTS	Negative					
UROLOGICALS	Negative					

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Specimen identified by the Laboratory Specimen Number has been handled and analyzed in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Laboratory Director	PRUDENTE, JOHN	Case Reviewer
Laboratory Case #:3188166		
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This individual may not have performed any of the analytical work.

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